

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1162
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SHARDA PROJECT IN MADHYA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to commission the Sharda Project in Chindwara district of Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Government propose to commission some other new coal mines;
- (d) if so, the time by which these mines are likely to be commissioned;
- (e) the details of coal mine reserves in other districts of Madhya Pradesh;
- (f) whether all these mines are deemed to be safe; and
- (g) if not, the corrective steps proposed to be taken in that regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b): Sharda underground project could not be commissioned as project report was not found financially viable at planning stage itself.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. 5 new projects are proposed to be taken up in the State of Madhya Pradesh during Xth Plan period. While some of these projects are expected to start contribution during the Xth Plan period itself, others are likely to start contributing from XIth Plan period.

(e): The details of reserves of coal mines in the districts of Madhya Pradesh are as follows :

District	Reserves	(Million Tonnes.)
1. Betul	-	40.19
2. Chhindwara	-	102.98
3. Umaria	-	52.03
4. Shahdol	-	268.94
5. Sidhi	-	1255.80

(f): All safety measures as per Mines Act and other statutory provisions are being taken in these mines.

(g): Does not arise in view of part (f) above.